

Pappas Telecasting Companies' 'donation' of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas is yet another example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves.

All candidates of any party are entitled to demand equal time, at the identical 'gift' price you have offered above.

The people are not served when a corporate headquarters decides to provide one side in local elections a louder voice than others. During election season, local audiences should be offered genuine debate -- not disingenuous offers to "purchase" an equal amount of response time.

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are questionable, and cast doubt on Pappas alleged intentions to serve the public interest. Their actions show why media activism finds it imperative to educate the population of their ACTUAL RIGHTS vs. the corporate media privilege you govern, and recall the FCC rules process, and return the airwaves to their rightful owners (the people). Rent should be charged to commercial entities for airtime usage. Thank you.